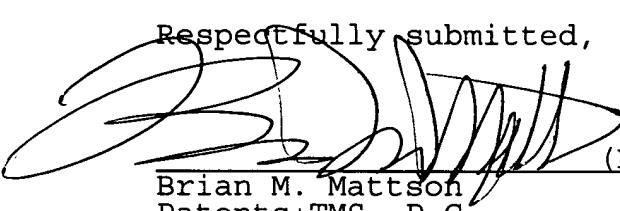


canceled. Appellant further identifies in the status of claims that Claims 9-14, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 27-29 are presented for appeal.

Appellant submits that this Amendment should be entered in view of the decision on the petition. Further, Appellant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Notice thereof is requested. Alternatively, Appellant requests that this application be forwarded to the Board of Appeals for an immediate decision.

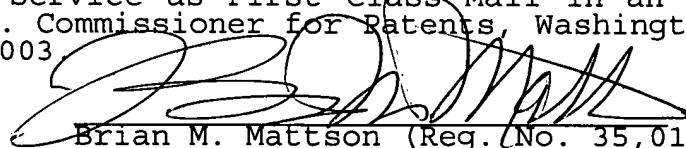
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